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1. On 1 September 300 men from a North Korean guerrilla unit stationed at Kosan-myon were split into three companies, with each company stationed on three different heights overlooking Samnang-jin (128-50, 35-23). Each man had a Japanese type 99 rifle, 100 rounds of ammunition; each 15-man squad was equipped with sub-machine guns. The unit was armed with three 60-mm. mortars, and two heavy machine guns. Their objectives were the observation of roads into the city, the sabotage of military installations, and the ambushing of UN and ROK troops. The unit is equipped with a radio, and reports regularly to the North Korean forces. The unit left the North Korean east coast on 23 June and in late July arrived at Kosan-myon, 12 km. east of Samnang-jin.
2. On the evening of 30 August 5,000 NKPA troops gathered from the mountains around Ipam-ni and marched towards Angang-ni (129-14, 35-59). The troops were armed with Soviet machine guns, rifles, U.S. carbines, Japanese Model 38 or 99 rifles, a small number of mountain guns and 60 mortars. Each soldier was equipped with five hand grenades; only one third of the troops had any other weapon. Unarmed soldiers were told to use the weapons of fallen comrades or captured U.S. equipment. Sixty percent of these troops are South Koreans drafted for the Volunteer Army and given 2 weeks' training.
3. There was a rumor among North Korean troops in the Chongsong (129-04, 36-26) area on 23 August that the NKPA commander ordered units lacking supplies to withdraw to the Seoul area if all of the ROK was not occupied by the end of August. Units still receiving supplies were ordered to fight to the end and to continue to maintain the front. Also, late in August there was a rumor in the Chongsong area that NKPA troops on the east coast would be relieved by troops from the Inchon area.

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